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LOWER INSURANCE RATE POSSIBLE

El Paso, Texas, April 9, 1910.
To El Paso Herald.

I have recently had read to me several reports of the meetings of the chamber of commerce and the merchants advocating protesting against the rate we are receiving. If they will investigate this matter they will find that we are receiving a benefit.

The Hartford rate for years was on a basis of 50 cents, but our trust laws were such that the companies to protect themselves reduced it to 70 cents. On this basis our rate would be 70 cents. The present rate is 50 cents and can be reduced if the city will provide provisions necessary to secure it. This new rate reduces it to 29 cents and is a saving to us.

H. R. Wood.

DEPUTY FAILS TO GET SERVICE ON HEARST

Publisher Changes His Mind About Going West and Goes to Chicago.

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry," was again true Friday afternoon, deputy sheriff Juan Franco being informed upon his arrival at the union station shortly after 5 o'clock, to serve a notice of a suit against William Randolph Hearst, that the publisher of many newspapers had received a hurried call to Chicago and left on the Golden State limited for that city at 1:05 p. m.

The officer had a summons directed to Mr. Hearst informing him that he was the defendant in a suit for \$233.25, the amount alleged to be due to Frank Rich for the use of a theater in 1908 upon the appearance in El Paso of Thomas Hagen, the independent candidate for president; printing, and the services of the Pass City brass band.

Changes Plan to Go to Chicago.

Mr. Hearst and a party of guests who have spent the past month in Mexico, arrived in El Paso Friday morning over the National railways of Mexico. He announced his intention of spending the day in El Paso, and leaving Friday night over the Santa Fe. Shortly before the arrival of the Golden State limited, he received a message asking for his presence in Chicago and he made arrangements for the transportation of his Pullman car, Kemble, over the Southwestern and Rock Island roads.

Mr. Hearst, who is 53, of Los Angeles, two of his guests, remained in El Paso, leaving on the west bound Golden State limited for their home.

The presence of Mr. Hearst in El Paso was not generally known until yesterday afternoon, although he made a short automobile trip over the city in the morning.

His alleged creditors in El Paso, however, did not learn of his morning arrival until late in the afternoon. A suit was hastily filed in court.

Says He Will Pay Bills.

Mr. Hearst, while in El Paso yesterday, stated that if there are any debts owed by him in El Paso, that he would pay them upon the receipt of a bill. He added, however, that he did not think much of the ability of the independent party's local finance committee, as it existed in 1908.

PROMINENT CALIFORNIA

MAY A BANKRUPT.

San Francisco, Cal., April 9.—Nathan Cole, Jr., a prominent promoter and Democratic national committeeman, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here. The liabilities are said to aggregate \$250,000, with assets at \$8000, which, however, are unavailable for several creditors.

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP

CONTEST CLOSING TONIGHT.

The Y. M. C. A. campaign for 250 new members stands at 118, secured up to last night, with only today to go. If the necessary number to complete 1000 strong is secured it will be a record. The clock membership contest ends tonight.

Practical Talks to the Farmer

By Hon. F. D. COBURN

Secretary Kansas Department of Agriculture

The Importance of Testing Seed Corn

Corn is the monarch cereal, and the barometer of the American farmer's prosperity. Without corn his feedlots would be as cheerless as the hearths of homes without fuel. A greater commercial disaster to our country than the failure of the corn could scarcely be imagined.

The prime necessity for a good crop is good seed, and the way to know that the seed is good is to test its germinating qualities before planting. Owing to the fact that an unusual percentage of last year's corn is believed to be seriously impaired in its reproductive powers, failure to make such tests imperils this year's hoped-for crop in a very marked degree, and because of this the revenue to the farmers in the great corn-belt is in danger of being materially lessened.

No better service can be done at this time than bringing sharply to the attention of farmers the seed-corn question, and emphasizing the importance of testing the seed intended for use the present spring. Ears or grains of imperfect vitality cannot be detected by mechanical examination alone. Those conspicuously injured, of course, may be detected, but even the expert is unable to always tell whether the vitality is destroyed or weakened, in the best looking samples, while the testing box will tell in advance.

The idea of planting whatever seed happens to be at hand and then later finding out its quality is not only expensive but shortsighted. Even though the stand from it is fair, it might have been made approximately perfect by tested seed, and using only such as showed a high percentage of germinability. It is a great mistake to make the corn field the testing plot, and every farmer who intends to plant corn should make his tests at once. It is easily done.

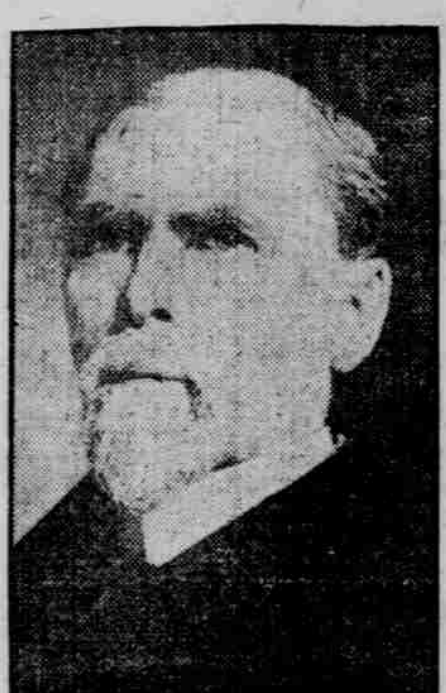
The factor of good seed is easily under the control of the one who plants. This being true, it is wellnigh incredible that large numbers of farmers should ignore a matter so simple and yet so important. As it is, too many take no particular care of their seed corn in the first place, and in the second place they do not know whether it will grow or not. It is the same old story of relying too largely on Providence. While a goodly and increasing number are testing their seeds each year, we should strive to have it become a fixed habit with the majority at least, and infinitely better, if all would take this simple precaution, which ordinary prudence commands.

The planter who will put in seed of unknown germinability may be planting only seeds of discontent, and at the very outset practically defeating his purposes. Besides, with nondescript seed he places at a minimum whatever advantages he may possess in the way of fertile soil or location, or may give in cultivation. It is not uncommon for

fields to be planted a second time on account of imperfect germination, and replanted hills in a poor stand seldom, if ever, can be relied on to produce anything like perfect ears. Practically never.

There are many simple methods of making the germination test. It is best, of course, to have a permanent tray or trays made for the purpose, but ordinary dinner plates, with a double fold of wet muslin between which the kernels may be laid, covered with another plate to prevent too rapid drying, may do quite well; or a shallow box into which several lots of kernels may be laid between the folds of wet paper and covered with a lid, will serve.

These examples illustrate the principle, which may be enlarged upon to suit the requirements of the individual.



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A germination box, say six inches in depth, of suitable dimensions, may be easily made, or found ready made, that would answer every purpose of those desiring larger accommodations. In this, place two or three inches of wet sawdust that had been soaked previously for thirty or forty minutes in lukewarm water. On top of the sawdust, which, of course, must be carefully leveled, place a checker-board cloth that fits the box, numbering the squares consecutively. The kernels from any one ear should be placed, germs up, in a certain square and the ear numbered to correspond with the number of the square; then lay a wet cloth over the kernels, and cover the whole with the wet sawdust. By such means enough seed may be tested at one time to plant twenty to thirty acres or more, for it

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Real Results In Dry Farming

Valentine Has Proofs Of Its Value

By A. B. George

Valentine, Texas, April 9.—The dry farming education school conducted by The Herald is bearing fruits. R. R. Youngblood has a fine crop of oats and corn. These were planted under the Campbell methods and certainly show what the dry farming methods will do for the semiarid regions.

By pulverizing the top of the ground after the early rain, Mr. Youngblood stored the moisture that had fallen. The result was a fine stand of oats and corn, while in adjoining fields that were not worked scientifically all the moisture evaporated.

There will be the largest acreage planted here this year that has ever been planted. The early rains have encouraged every farmer to put out all the acreage possible and on account of the large number of new settlers in there will be a variety of methods tried.

A. R. Dillard, L. D. Louthin, J. A. Pierce, R. R. Youngblood and a number of others will put out large tracts of land under the Campbell methods, while Dr. B. M. Vick and G. W. Smith will try irrigating from shallow wells. Over 3000 fruit trees have been planted this spring, besides a large number of pecan and English walnut trees.

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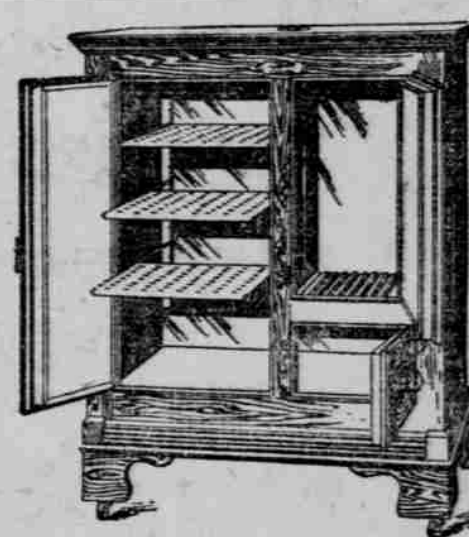
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Roosevelt To Meet With Dry Farmers

Herald Is Commended for Its Efforts in Farmers' Behalf

Texas is urged to come to the next meeting of the Dry Farm congress (at Spokane), Oct. 3-5, and The Herald is commended for its work in the interest of dry farming, in a letter from John T. Burns, secretary-treasurer of the International organization. Mr. Burns also writes that an effort is being made to have Theo. Roosevelt present at the convention of dry farmers. His letter follows:

I notice from our clippings that The Herald is beginning to boost for a dry farm exhibit and delegation for Spokane. That is the proper stuff and I wish to thank The Herald for its interest.

We are certainly going to have a remarkable meeting here if all signs hold good, and I hope that we will see a large Texas delegation here and with an exhibit that will absolutely prove that Texas is on the dry farming map. I am preparing to send an engraved invitation to the honorable Theodore

Roosevelt, asking him to attend and be a speaker on the program of the congress.

Probably no man in the United States is a friend of the west more than Mr. Roosevelt. His past record shows him to be a friend of the west and the districts where the Dry Farming congress is doing a valuable work.

The various commercial bodies of the leading cities of the west and north-west will probably combine to invite Mr. Roosevelt to make a western trip at the time of the Dry Farming congress, making the stop in Spokane one of this special journey.

We believe that it will be possible for us to introduce Mr. Roosevelt to the Dry Farming congress without engendering any political phase in this connection. Mr. Roosevelt is a westerner and will be asked to speak as a citizen and a man of the west. Yours truly, John T. Burns, Secretary-Treasurer.

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